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SUBJECT: AIRLINES PRICE AGREEMENT BREAKING DOWN.

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1. SINGAPORE DAILY "NEW NATION" SAID JUNE 14 THE
AGREEMENT AMONG ORIENTAL AIRLINES ASSN. MEMBERS IS
BREAKING DOWN, WITH TWO UNIDENTIFIED MEMBERS OFFERING
DISCOUNTS OF OVER US\$100 ON ROUND-TRIP TICKETS TO EUROPE.
NEWSPAPER'S AIRLINE SOURCES PREDICT A RAPID DISINTEGRATION
OF THE "GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT."

2. EMBASSY COMMENT: THE PRICE BREAKS MENTIONED IN THE PRESS ARE CERTAINLY NOT AKIN TO THE DEEP DISCOUNTS (SOMETIMES EXCEEDING 50 PERCENT) OFFERED ON REGIONAL FLIGHTS PREVIOUSLY. PRESS HAS RUN STORIES AS RECENTLY AS YESTERDAY CONCERNING SANCTIONS AGAINST PRICE-CUTTING TRAVEL AGENTS, AND EMBASSY UNCLASSIFIED

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SOURCES IN THE INDUSTRY PROFESS TO KNOW NOTHING ABOUT UNDERCUTTING. SOMETRAVEL AGENCIES HERE ARE WILLING TO DISCOUNT TICKETS ABOUT 5 PERCENT BY FOREGOING ALL BUT ONE AND A HALF PERCENT OF THEIR COMMISSION, BUT SUCH TECHNIQUES DO NOT AFFECT AIRLINES THEMSELVES. HOLDRIDGE

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